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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated November 16, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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